"Battle of Hampton Roads" by J.O.Davidson

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Chesapeake, VA
Old & New - Two Wheels & Three Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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NEW MEETING LOCATION*

GWRRA VA-L of Chesapeake, Virginia, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (*except December*) at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Our Social—meet, greet and eat—begins at 6:00pm, our Meeting begins at 7:00pm. We invite you to come out and join us! For more information, please visit **www.gwrraval.org.**

CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Dave & Linda Harris
Chapter Directors

Awesome, is defined as that which inspires awe.

Although this word is well used and understood by most people, as a Chapter Director I feel it is the only way to describe our June gathering. Had the founders of GWRRA been in attendance I honestly feel they would have left saying "Now that's what we had in mind when we formed this organization."

I know those of you that were there are thinking "yeah, there were a lot of people there", and you're right. Numbers are great, but what we have is both elusive and inspirational. We had new members. There were folks there that we haven't had the pleasure of seeing for a while. And we were joined by members of Chapter B and Chapter W. Yes there was a real good turnout. But, other dynamics were also in play; I saw people interacting and truly enjoying each other's company. As various members described the events they had participated in, it was evident that there was a lot going on and the participants had FUN.

From visiting other Chapters to safety & training and even out-of-District rides - we simply had it all. These things don't just happen, it requires effort on the part of someone and Chapter L is fortunate enough to have people ready and willing to do what is required to make things happen. For that I want to thank you. As we continue to grow our challenge is to keep the cooperative spirit alive and prospering.

Speaking of challenges to the Chapter as we grow, let's think about communications. As all of us know communications are critical on a ride, be it on the CB, hand signals, or the ride brief. If the directions/instructions are unclear, it can lead to confusion and affect the entire ride. Interpersonal communications within the Chapter are also critical to our continued success. One of the biggest challenges to any organization is to effectively communicate with its members. We also must face this challenge. Our award winning Newsletter demonstrated that we have done a commendable job. I also feel that our Website is second to none. These are the result of hard work by a lot of folks. These are two of the best communications media we have available to us. The web site is updated frequently and should be checked on a regular basis. Should you see a mistake or not be clear on what is there, it includes how to contact staff members that either have or can get the correct answer. Make good use of the website, we will do our level best to ensure that it contains accurate up to date information. And don't hesitate to contact a staff member if you have a question. We are here to serve you and make our Chapter the best it can be.

We have a lot going in in the month of July. I encourage you to participate when you can.

The Rally in the Valley is fast approaching so make your plans to attend. The more the merrier. I think that we should show the entire District just how much fun we have so plan on going. There are still rooms available. Now is the time for us to make preparations.

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results

Keep Riding Safe

Dave & Linda

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Jeff & Carm Stobie
Asst. Chapter Directors

Whew! Another month has past and so much as happened! The weather has been terrific and our trusty wing has gone through several tanks of gas. Mostly commuting but still getting in on some chapter rides.

If you missed the monthly gathering Tuesday evening, you missed a good one! Excellent turn out…Always nice to see our Chapter L members we haven't seen in awhile, friends from other chapters but especially nice to see new folks. As Dennis mentioned, we must be doing a good job because the icing on the cake is the new riders we are drawing to our chapter.

As I reflect on all that is happening in our Chapter, it's no wonder we are gaining new members. We have scheduled rides, impromptu rides; officer training, rider training, and community service with our highway clean-up and last but certainly not least our Chapter pool party. All of these activities align perfectly with the ideals of GWRRA.

The only ride I would like to comment on for this month is our trip out to the Mariners museum. It was an awesome day and John did one heck of a good job as Road Captain. Only one U-turn but was definitely called for because of traffic, construction, and the angle of the correct turn. As Rick stated in the gathering, the stops were timed perfect so the heat wasn't a problem. But I really enjoyed the museum for two reasons. First, as a retired Coastie, it was really good to see all the lighthouse displays and the search and rescue display because I was able to add a sea story or two, three, or more. I really enjoyed my time on the lighthouses in Maine so I was able to relate to the displays of the lighthouse in the displays. I also met an old friend who is a retired Coast Guard Commander and volunteers at the museum. The second reason I really enjoyed the tour is due to our Chapter name, Iron Clad wings. I really enjoyed the displays on the Monitor and Merrimac. Simply amazing how the engineering behind these two war ships changed the whole world. It was also very interesting watching history and recent discovery and lifting of the turret. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit this museum put it on your bucket list. It's a must see and you can't beat the price. It's a great place to go on a hot summer day since they have great AC inside! Amazes me how much we have to see and do in our area and never make the time take advantage of them.

Ride Safe!
Jeff and Carm

RIDER EDUCATION AND SAFETY

John & Kathy Skinner
Rider Education

The Team Riding Approach

Formation Tips and Techniques • Part II

What follows are suggested tips and techniques for team/formation riding. They are not rules nor are they laws, they are accepted tips and techniques for safe riding that have been developed over time by several organizations including MSF, GWRRA and others.

Suggested number of bikes in a group.

The optimal size for a team is 5 to 7 riders. The goal is to manage the team efficiently and safely, additionally to have a minimum of impact on surrounding traffic. Share the Road applies to motorcycles as well. Have you ever tried to pass a group of 15 to 20 motorcycles or more, especially on a two lane road? Let's assume that there are 7 bikes in formation on a 2 lane road, one lane for each direction, if these bikes maintain a 2 second interval in single file formation, they will occupy approx. 15 seconds of time/space. A vehicle wishing to overtake the riders would travel an excess of ¼ mile at 60 miles an hour to do so. If the formation was staggered that distance would be cut to 1/8 mile at 60 mph. You can see the size of a group and the spacing interval can have unanticipated effects on other motorists. Impatient motorist at times make poor decisions/judgments, thereby affecting the safety of the group and other motorists.

Entering the traffic flow.

Whether entering the flow of traffic from a parking lot or entering a limited access highway such as an interstate, the lead should attempt to pick a space large enough for all riders to safely enter traffic. In heavy traffic conditions or while merging onto the interstate, this is not always possible. It is up to each rider to safely enter the traffic flow one at a time. Once all members are safely on the road/highway they should fall into the appropriate formation, staggered or single file as called for by the lead. This may call for passing another vehicle to catch up or being patient until motorist in front of you pass the other rider in your team. Remember to perform any maneuvers safely and legally.

Passing Traffic.

When passing on a two lane single road, passes should be made single file and individually. The lead will call for a single file formation to afford maximum visibility and maneuverability then initiate the pass, accelerating far enough past the overtaken vehicle to allow room for the remainder of the riders to pass and fall back into formation in front of the overtaken vehicle. This point is critical. Each rider in succession will pass individually when safe and clear to do so. Remember each rider is for their own safety and must choose when it is clear for them to maneuver safely.

Lane Changes.

a. Lane Changes on a multi-lane highway with two or more travel lanes in the same direction are called for and initiated by the lead rider, in conjunctions and with the assistance of the drag. Lane changes should be initiated one lane ONLY to the right or the left. In a light traffic situations the group should move a unit. The lead rider will callout to the drag, over the C.B. radio, for a lane change to the right or left. This is an indication to the team that a lane change is coming. The drag will move to the specified lane when safe to do so and report that either that the lane is secure and safe, or secure and other traffic is astride the group, preferably what type of vehicle and how many. When safe, the lead will call for the move with a phrase such as "Look left/right", this is the individuals queue to check over the shoulder left or right to ensure that lane is safe. After a brief delay, giving members an opportunity to check blind spots, the lead will call out "Move left/right". This is the teams queue to move as a unit left or right in unison with the bike in front of them. In heavy traffic situations this maneuver is often not practical, as it may take time for the lane to clear thus holding up two lanes of traffic and frustrating fellow motorist and inviting what I call hedge hopping or aggressive driving.

b. Lane changes in Heavy Traffic call for a somewhat different technique. Lane changes under these conditions should not be attempted as a unit but rather in a progressive manner from Back to Front. The procedures are similar in that the lead initiates the lane change by calling to the drag, who in turn secures the appropriate lane. The difference is once the drag has secured the lane, the lead calls for the progressive lane change. Each rider in turn beginning from the rear does a head check and changes to the appropriate lane when clear and safe to do so. Each member is succession does the same. The lead is the last member to make a lane change. This technique is much safer and motorist friendly in heavy traffic. Both of these techniques take practice and patience to master.

Stop Signs.

After the entire group has come to a stop, the lead should make the appropriate maneuver, either straight through the intersection or execute a left or right turn as necessary. Each group member in turn must decide when it is safe to proceed and do so. The team should under no circumstance attempt to enter the intersection as a group.

RIDER EDUCATION AND SAFETY

John & Kathy Skinner
Rider Education

Turning at Intersections.

It is usually best for team members to maintain position in the formation through the arc of a turn, each rider however needs to plan for and provide sufficient space to allow team members full use of the lane if needed. A single file formation, if called for, of course allows for sufficient space.

Narrow Roads, Bridges, Tunnels, Hills Curves and Wind.

a.When approaching narrowing roadway conditions such as, little or no shoulder, a construction zone, or a tunnel the lead should call for a single file formation to allow for maximum maneuverability and a spacing cushion.

b.If a hill is encountered such that oncoming traffic cannot be seen, again a single file formation is appropriate for the same reasons.

c.Any curve that satisfies one of the previous conditions or calls for a reduction in speed warrants a single file formation and provide for:

1. Increased visibility through the curve for both the rider and oncoming traffic.
2. Allows for full use of the lane for outside-inside-outside path of travel as well as allowing for avoidance maneuvers for oncoming traffic that may cross the center line.
3. Allows a safety margin for poor surface conditions, shoulder drops offs and or debris.

d.High crosswind situations may also call for a single line formation to allow for more lateral, side to side, space.

e.Single lane bridges are also candidates for a single file formation as well as multi-lane bridges in high wind conditions.

As members of the team you must remain vigilant and aware of your surrounding riders. At any time a rider may feel uncomfortable with road or weather conditions and move to the center track. Don't get upset; give them the extra room they need. Don't be afraid to ask the lead to slow down a bit or go to a single file formation. And most of all, don't allow yourself to remain in an uncomfortable position. If absolutely necessary, excuse yourself from the group and take up a position in the rear behind the group that is more comfortable. Remember COMMUNICATE, have fun and be safe.

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS

Sherry & Steven Morgan
Membership Enhancement Coordinators

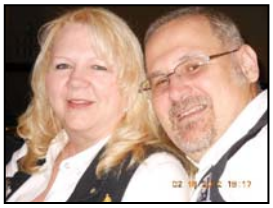
Well Chapter members, I have to say I am so happy how our group is growing by leaps and bounds. Welcome to our Chapter: Daniel and Michelle just had a little girl Amy that we hope to meet at our next meeting, Charlotte and Ed Epperly, Phil and Gay Grevel, Tim and Marisa Huls, Yvonne and Cecil Kemp, Milton Kemp. Joseph and Darcy McCorristin and Wayne Hunt. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

I know it's been so hot for this summer that we haven't done a lot of rides, but we have had some great pool parties. I know I have enjoyed them. Since my surgery and I wasn't able to get in the pool for 4 weeks I just wanted to stay inside. And now that I can get in the pool it's nice to enjoy it with friends.

I hope to see everyone at the next Meeting July 24th at 6pm for eating and mingling and then 7-8 for the meeting. Remember we are having some training classes coming up this month. The 14th we will be having the road Captain Course and on the 21st the CPR classes. I hope the ones interested will be there. They also have some rides to Walton's Mountain on the 14th. (wish I was up for this one). Maybe Next year.

Please try to stay hydrated and keep cool. Ride Safe and Have Fun.

COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Dan & Trish Adams
VA-L 2012 COY

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that June is here and gone already. We had a very busy month of rides and events. There was a little something for everyone.

We started off with a small group on June 2nd that went to Chapter Y's Bill Miller ride & picnic.

From June 8-10th Dave Harris, Dan & I went to Marion, VA, for the Valkyrie Hillbilly Highway Ride. It was a group of around 100 bikes that took us on back roads that were just made for the art of motorcycling. It was full of beautiful views, twisties and sweepers throughout the hills of Virginia & West Virginia. We went deep into Appalachian coal country, stopping at places like Coalwood, "Home of the Rocket Boys", and the Pocahontas Exhibition Mine that goes under 5 states and has the widest band of coal in the U.S. Our favorite part of the ride was a section on route 16 between Tazwell & Marion, VA, called the "Back of the Dragon"… It was Awesome! And we got to ride it in both directions.

On June 10th a group led by John Skinner took the Smithfield Ferry across the James River to Jamestown and up to The Mariners' Museum for a tour. I heard that everyone enjoyed it and had a great time. Sorry we missed it.

June 14-16th John & Kathy Skinner took off for the West Virginia Rally and I believe they have a great story to tell on their event there.

On June 23rd Dan & I rode with Tammy & Ray from Chapter O, and David Seates from Chapter B, to Twin Lakes State Park for the Couple of the Year picnic. It was hosted by our District Couple of the Year, Tommy & Gayle Wilson, who also did all the cooking! The weather was beautiful, the food was good, and we really had a nice time. It was a chance to meet and get to know other Couples of the Year from other chapters in the district and to get an insight on the District Couple of the Year program. We are excited to say that we will be participating in the selection process come this October at Rally in the Valley.

2012 COY Picnic

While we were having fun at the park, Dave Harris led a ride up the Eastern shore to Chrome World in Delaware for their open house; and from that group, a few decided to make it an overnight adventure with camping out at Trap's Pond. My understanding is that there is also a story there and that we really missed out on a great time. Guess we will have to put camping in the near future plans.

And on June 30th we had a great turnout for our annual highway cleanup, followed later that day with a pool party at the Adam's residence which turned out to be a great time. It was beautiful weather, good food and great company! July looks to be another eventful month, hopefully the weather won't be too hot to enjoy the riding.

July Schedule of Events & Rides:

July 4 -7th Wing Ding - Fort Wayne Indiana
July 8th Ride to Front Royal & Skyline Dr
July 8th Pool Party–Sherry & Steve Morgan's House, 1323 Hillside Ave Chesapeake
July 12th Dinner & Ice Cream - - Pungo's Pizza & Ice Cream Shop -- 1824 Princess Anne Road Virginia Beach,
July 14th Walton's Mountain – Overnight Stay in Charlottesville
July 14th Road Captain's Course
July 19th Ice Cream Run – Cold Stone Creamery -- 5860 Harbour View Boulevard Suffolk
July 21st CPR Training
July 21st Ride to Fredericksburg and DC – Motorcycle Grand Tour Stamp Collecting
July 28th OCP Class

It's not the destination, it's the journey
Trish Adams

The only thing better than a motorcycle, is two motorcycles
Dan Adams

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DID YOU KNOW …?

- That anyone can attend the Officer Certification Program (OCP), not just the Chapter Officers? It's a great way to find out more about GWRRA, and you might find a need in the chapter you weren't aware of.
- That the Motorist Awareness Division is a part of the Rider Education program; however M.A.D. focuses on educating the motorist community. If you'd like to give our new M.A.D. coordinator, Will Kumley, a hand, please let him know. I'm sure he'd be glad for the help.

Helpful information for new (and not so new) members:

To get Chapter, District, Region and National patches for your vest, contact our Chapter Treasurer, John Steffel. For Rider Education "Levels" patches, see John Skinner, our Rider Educator.

For things you might typically pick up at a Rally, but don't want to wait until the next one comes around:

Chapter Shirts: www.rallytees.com

Name Tags: www.ThEngraver.com (take note of spelling—only 1 'e' at beginning)

Black Leather Vests: The Fast Lane, 166 S. Rosemont Road, Virginia Beach. www.fastlanebikergear.com

Vest Patches (sewing): Hampton Roads Luggage, 166 S. Rosemont Rd, Virginia Beach (next to Fast Lane)
- ***OR*** - Battlefield Shoe Repair,237 S. Battlefield Blvd., Ste. 4, Chesapeake (Great Bridge Shopping Ctr next to Hallmark)

Vest Embroidery: Creative Embroidery, 5223 Cleveland St, Virginia Beach (just off Witchduck Rd), 490-6540

These are by no means the only place to get your desired items, just the ones that seem to be used the most by local chapters.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan & Trish Adams

Zach & Angie Bon

Wes & Joy Orvis

Jeff & Carm Stobie

Newsletter Editor Note: While some letters and articles may be a requirement for a chapter newsletter, what really makes our newsletter so great are the submissions from chapter members like yourself about rides you've been on, maintenance tips you'd like to share, or just anecdotes that will tickle our funny bone. Please share with your fellow chapter members: Photos, recipes, articles for sale, jokes, you name it. This is YOUR newsletter. But remember: ***All articles are due by the end of each month.*** *And don't forget to look for your member number in the newsletter—might just get you the winning 50/50 ticket!*

Wayne & Lyn celebrate their June birthdays

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Beverly Steffel

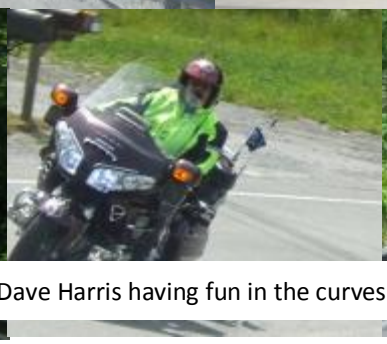
Charlotte Epperly

Any missed Anniversaries or Birthdays are unintentional; please make sure your MEC has the correct information.

MEMBER RIDES, PHOTOS, AND OTHER 'STUFF'

Chapter L Members did a LOT of riding in June! Here's just a few of the good times we had …

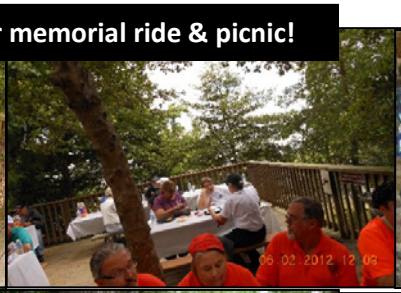
Hillbilly Highway: When you have this many bikes on a ride, it's nice to have the local police help you through the intersections!



Dave Harris having fun in the curves

Members of Chapter VA-L and VA-B joined VA-I from Manassas for dinner when they came to town for OpSail 2012.

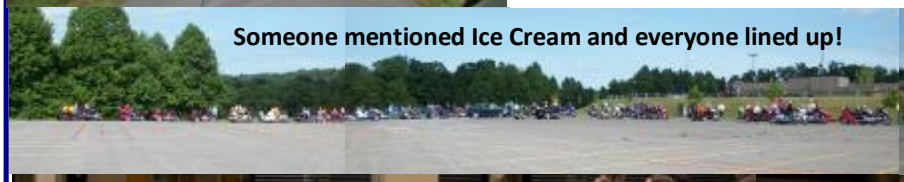
Great turnout for the Bill Miller memorial ride & picnic!



MEMBER RIDES, PHOTOS, AND OTHER 'STUFF'

West Virginia Rally:

You know it's going to be a good trip when you start off by finding the END of the rainbow! The Rally in WV was great, beautiful riding, perfect weather, good friends, plus made new friends, and Virginia folks walked away with a lot of prizes, including largest District!!



Someone mentioned Ice Cream and everyone lined up!

And when it's too hot to ride, it's time to get in the pool!

Our wonderful hostess, Trish Adams!

Mike & Angie Mitchell Named International Director of the Year 2012!

At Wing Ding 34, lots of awards were given out, but it's doubtful any were as special as our Virginia District Directors, Mike and Angie Mitchell, being named the 2012 International Director of the Year!!! Congratulations!!!!!

HONDA GOLDWINGS USED AS TOW TRUCKS!

From VA-L's Wes Orvis:

Goldwings are being used around the world in place of tow trucks … maybe we should all retire and start our own business! **Iron Clad Towing**!!

SHARING THE ROAD: A TRUCK DRIVER'S VIEWPOINT

Sharing the Road with Motorcycles

By Gregory Nauertz

As a professional truck driver, living and working in an area of the country that has little adverse weather is a huge benefit to operating safely. The weather also affords motorcycle riders the opportunity to practice their sport year-round. This has made me keenly aware of their presence on the roads.

Statistics show that motorcycle registrations have nearly doubled in the last 10 years, to over 6.2 million. Unfortunately, the number of motorcycle related accidents has also risen dramatically over the same period. As a professional truck driver for more than 35 years and an avid motorcyclist for 43 years, I'd like to pass along some tips we can all use for sharing the road safely with motorcycles.

Understanding the "sport" of motorcycling is as important as understanding a motorcycle's handling characteristics. In many parts of the country such as the in Northeast and Midwest, the riding season may only be a few months long, so drivers need to be aware that there will be a significant increase in the number of motorcyclists on the streets and highways during the summer months. As the statistics show, many of these riders will be new to the sport and relatively in-experienced. But even the experienced rider's skills may be a bit rusty, as they will have waited the long winter months to "get out and ride."

Because of their small size, motorcycles are much harder to see than passenger vehicles. Motorcycles are also much quicker and more maneuverable than their 4-wheeled counter-parts. Coupled with their small size, this makes them much harder to keep track of in traffic. You may see them in your mirror one minute, and loose them the next. Use your signals early and double check your blind spots before making any lane changes when you know there is a motorcycle around your vehicle. Move slowly to afford the rider a chance to move should he or she get "caught" in your blind spot. In city traffic, never pull up too close to the rear of a motorcycle at a stoplight. Don't "creep up" on a bike at a stoplight; you may lose it under the hood of your vehicle. For the same reason, don't start moving until the motorcycle is on its way.

A high percentage of motorcycle accidents occur at intersections when a vehicle turns left in front of them. Because of their small size, motorcycles approaching an intersection may not be readily visible when there are vehicles occupying other lanes at the intersection. Be vigilant of all approaching traffic when making a left turn. As with cars, protect your right side when making a right turn, but be aware that a motorcycle will fit where a passenger vehicle won't.

Out on the highway where speeds are higher, there are a few tips I use to keep the motorcyclist and myself safe.

Many times there will be more than one or two motorcycles traveling together. Depending on the size of the group, I always try and count the number of headlights when they approach my truck from the rear, and then count them again as they pass. In that way, I can make sure that none of them are lingering in one of my blind spots.

When it's necessary to pass a group of motorcycles, use the same approach. Count the number of bikes in the group and make sure you can see the corresponding number of headlights in your mirror before moving back into the right lane.

If you see a motorcycle approach from the rear and then disappear behind your vehicle, the rider may be trying to "draft" you. (Experienced riders know this to be extremely dangerous) I found when this occurs, slowly decreasing your speed as little as 5 miles per hour will generally cause the rider to pass, making them visible once more.

As a motorcyclist myself, I can safely say that one of the most dangerous maneuvers that a bike rider must

SHARING THE ROAD: A TRUCK DRIVER'S VIEWPOINT (CONT.)

complete is passing a large commercial vehicle. At highway speeds, there is a large wall of air moving past the front of a truck that the motorcyclist must "punch through" to complete the pass. In windy conditions, this maneuver becomes even more dangerous for the motorcycle rider. As a professional truck driver, I try and "help" the motorcyclist complete this maneuver by slowing my vehicle a few miles per hour when they do pass, and I must be aware that once the rider has moved past this invisible wall, the decreased wind resistance may cause the motorcycle to "jump" to the right.

The professional driver must also be aware that at night, it will sometimes be difficult to distinguish a motorcycle's headlight from the surrounding traffic, and it will be even harder to judge the speed of a motorcycle as it approaches your vehicle.

As a Professional Driver and a member of America's Road Team, I spend much of my time educating the general public on how to safely share the road with commercial vehicles, but it is equally important that professional drivers understand how to share the road safely with vehicles of all types. By understanding the handling characteristics of motorcycles and giving their riders the same respect and courtesy we afford other drivers, we can help to make this summer riding season safe for everyone.

Keep the shiny side up!

America's Road Team

Greg Nauertz

YRC Freight

Greg Nauertz has been a professional truck driver for 35 years and has accumulated 1.3 million accident-free miles. He is a city driver for YRC Freight .

Several days each month, Greg speaks to the news media, schools, community groups, and industry and government officials about highway safety and the essentiality of the trucking industry.

Greg placed first in his division at the Arizona Truck Driving Championships in 1999, 2002, 2003, 2007, and 2009. He earned the title of Grand Champion at the state level in 1999, 2003, and 2009. In 2003, he was the National Truck Driving Champion in the three-axle division. He was also named Arizona Driver of the Month in May of 2003.

Greg and his wife, Carol Jane, reside in Peoria, Arizona. They have six children and three grandchildren.

For more information, contact Amanda Folk at 703-838-1836 or afolk@trucking.org.

OTHER 'STUFF'

One of our newest members, Michelle Flood, found a new place to get your vest patches taken care of:

SEW YOUR PATCHES!

Need to update your jacket or add new patches? As recently joining members, my husband Dan and I were looking for good place to sew patches onto our jackets. Looking around, the average cost per patch was about $5-10. However, I recently found an economical "hidden" place called Battlefield Shoe Repair. As a small, local business, the folks at Battlefield Shoe Repair offer competitive prices and a family atmosphere. In addition, the more you sew the better your price. Further, they have agreed to beat the local competitor's pricing for members of GWRAA.

So, if you need to update your patches, contact Battlefield Shoe Repair!

Battlefield Shoe Repair
237 S. Battlefield Blvd., Ste. 4
Chesapeake, VA 23322
Phone: 757-410-3424

He Who Laughs Last …

I was having a drink at a local restaurant with my friend Justin when he spotted an attractive woman sitting at the bar. After an hour of gathering his courage, he approached her and asked, "Would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?"

She responded by yelling at the top of her lungs, "No, I won't come over to your place tonight!"

With everyone in the restaurant staring, Justin crept back to our table, puzzled and humiliated.

A few minutes later, the woman walked over to us and apologized.

"I'm sorry if I embarrassed you," she said, "but I'm a graduate student in psychology and I'm studying human reaction to embarrassing situations."

At the top of his lungs Justin responded, "What do you mean, two hundred dollars?"

Jell-O Cake

Transports well, will hold up okay for a while outside as long as you keep it out of the sun. Can be made into almost any flavor you want. *Submitted by Kathy Skinner*

You will need:

1 pkg. (2-layer size) white cake mix

1 cup boiling water

1 pkg. (3 oz.) JELL-O Strawberry Flavor Gelatin (or whatever flavor you prefer!)

½ cup cold water

1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed

PREPARE cake batter and bake as directed on package for 13x9-inch pan. Cool cake in pan 15 min. Pierce cake with a large fork or thin (clean) pencil top at 1/2-inch intervals.

ADD boiling water to gelatin mix in small bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water; pour over cake. Refrigerate about an hour.

FROST cake with COOL WHIP. Decorate with fresh fruit if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

VA-L RIDE/EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, July 7 8:00am
Ride to Front Royal / Lunch / Ride down SkyLine drive / Ride home on RT33 - Road Captain - Jeff

Sunday, July 8 2 - 6pm
Pool Party at Steven & Sherry's house

Saturday, July 14 & 15 2 Day trip
Walton's Mountain - Road Captain - Jeff

Saturday, July 14
Road Captains Course

Saturday, July 21
All Day Ride??

Saturday, July 21
CPR Training

Thursday, July 26-28
3 night - Wild & Wonderful MountainFest M/C Rally, Morgantown, WV. - Road Captain - Dan

Saturday, July 28 & July 29
OCP Training Seminar (location TBD)

Saturday, August 4 1:00-6:00pm
VA-L Picnic / Pool Party at Richie & Lynn Blanford's house

Sunday, August 5 8:00am
Watermelon Festival - Richmond - Road Captain - Dan

Thursday, August 9 - 11
Kentucky Rally - Elizabethtown, KY

Saturday, August 11 9:00am
Ride Fredricksburg / Lunch (German) / Short time shopping older part of downtown / Ride home - Road Captain - Dan

Saturday, August 18 9:00am
Chapter O Casino Picnic 10AM - New Quarter Park

Saturday, August 25 9:00am
All Chapters picnic

Thursday, September 6-8
Pennsylvania District Rally - Gettysburg

Thursday, September 20-22
Wings Over NC - Concord, NC

Thursday, Oct 4-6
Rally in the Valley - Salem

UPCOMING VIRGINIA DISTRICT EVENTS

Month	Day	Type	Event	Chapter/Sponsor
July	21	P	Poker Run	VA-U
	28	D	OCP Seminar	VA District
August	9-11	R	"Blast" Convention, Frankfort, KY — ***new location***	KY District
	18	P	Casino Picnic, Newport News Park	VA-O
	20	S	Camp Fantastic	VA-F
	25	V	All Chapter Picnic	VA District
September	8	S	Fall Sprawl	VA-C
	15	P	Poker Run	VA-A
	20-22	R	"Wings over North Carolina, Concord, NC — ***new location***	NC District
October	4-6	R	"Rally in the Valley", Salem, VA	VA District

Event Type Designations -- (P) Chapter Primary Event, (R) Rally, (S) Chapter Secondary Event, (V) VA District Event, (O) Other

NOTE: Registration forms for most Virginia District events can be found at www.gwrrava.org/events.html

BUY, SELL OR TRADE

FOR SALE:

Just replaced my '02 with a '12 and have a few things that won't work with my new bike. I can provide pictures upon request.

- Trunk Organizers: made of Lexan, easily installed, uses existing screws, and creates two compartments for storage. Used and scratched, $10
- Helmet Hangers: One shaped like a Goldwing and one shaped like a Trailer. Used (since 1999) has some rust, $2
- Service Manual: 2001 GL1800. Will work for 01-05 and 06-10 except the meter panel and Navigation, Includes the Electronic Troubleshooting Manual. Used, there are some pages with smudge marks, no pages missing or torn. $30
- Soundgate Hondsr: Allows you to use the CD control buttons to control an iPod. I had it installed for two years. $40
- Accessory Power Plug: Plug and Play on 01-05. $2
- Noise Filter: Reduced the electronic noise in my headset. $5
- Honda Voltmeter: Plug and play on 01-05, not sure about 06-10 models. $10
- Kuryakyn 6" arm: This arm fits the Ergo II mounts. These didn't put the highway pegs where I wanted them so I never used them. Installed only to test fit; no scratches, rust or peeling chrome. New they sell for $44, I'll sell for $20
- Honda Front Nose Mask: In great condition, I didn't have it installed all the time. But it is super easy to install. Fits all 01-10. $40
- Seat Rain Cover: I had a Travelcade seat with velour. This cover keeps the velour dry (if installed) and should work with most seats. $5

Contact: Doug or Carmen Yennie of Chapter VA-L at 757 966-6822 or email dcyennie@yahoo.com

For Sale or Trade: Brand New Men's Leather Vest, Size 3X. $17.95 or will trade for a LADIES leather vest in 2X or 3X *(I ordered a LADIES vest online, got the men's vest, but return shipping will cost 1/2 the price of the vest!)*

If interested, contact Kathy Skinner of Chapter VA-L … kathy@jdscorner.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

LET'S HAVE A PARTY!!!

ALL CHAPTERS PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Fun & Games

Horseshoes Disc Golf
Sack Races Ladder Ball

Food

Fried Chicken Salads
Barbeque Dessert

Water & ice will be provided Bring your own drinks if you would like something else

Location

White Bank Park
5501 Conduit Rd, Moose Lane
Colonial Heights, VA
9:00 - 3:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virginia
Salem Civic Center, Salem, Virginia
Rally in the Valley
Harvest Fest II
Monster Mash
District of VIRGINIA Presents
RALLY IN THE VALLEY
October 4-6, 2012
Vendors - Apple Pie Contest - Dancing
CPR, ERC & TRIKE Courses - Door Prizes - Bike Show
Hospitality Room - Guided Motorcycle Rides - 50/50

BEST APPLE PIE CONTEST
AT HARVEST II, A MONSTER MASH VIRGINIA DISTRICT RALLY

Baseball, the flag and an apple pie – all we need in the photo is a picture of you with the winning apple pie.

The rules are as follows:

- **Entries must be delivered to the hospitality room by 11:00 am on Friday October 5, 2012.**
- **Judging is on taste and presentation (ie how they look)**
- **Agree to a photo with your pie prior to the tasting.**
- **There will be a 1st and 2nd prize only.**
- **The baker of the winning pie must be willing to share the recipe.**
- **All attendees of the rally are eligible to participate in this contest.**

Good luck to all entrants. Happy baking!!

PEOPLES CHOICE

ELVIRA/DRACULA COSTUME EXTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012

Could you be the next Elvira? Well, you could at Rally in the Valley if you're a guy. So yes girls, that means you get to dress up as Dracula just like ole Bela Lugosi. It's Thursday night at the Salem Civic Center, and is a "Peoples Choice" contest so you'll have to be drumming up favor as you view the clogging exhibition in the hospitality room and while waiting for the light parade. The main rule here is not to distract the riders when they're getting ready and are participating in the light parade. We don't want to scare them too much. Winners to be announced following the light parade and 50/50. All attendees are welcome to enter the contest. Good luck to all entrants and get us to holler for you!!.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT NEWS

Mike and Angie Mitchell
District Directors

WOW! What a month it has been since the last newsletter…..I must admit that some months it seems like as soon as I write an article, it is time to start the next one but this month has been a little different. So much has happened that it seems like a long, long time since the last edition.

First, we had the West Virginia Rally (their convention is called a Rally, just like ours), and what a time was had by all. We had several District Staff Members there and lots of Virginia folks. For the second year in a row, Virginia took home the largest District in Attendance. Way to go! Other winners were, John Skinner, Kathy Skinner, Estel Payne, Carol Hill, Debbie Dowell and Dennis Weston. So Chapters B,H,L & W were among the winners at the Rally. It pays to visit! It was a great weekend spent with many of our longtime GWRRA friends and family. Lets face it, isn't that what it's all about?

Next big thing was Wing Ding. Angie oversaw the District duty of onsite Registration while I took care of my Event Management Group duties. Registration gives you the opportunity to see folks as they come in the door, answer some questions and help insure everyone has a great time while there. Well all I can say is you folks (and everyone else there) must have done an outstanding job because I talked to and saw more folks having fun and enjoying themselves than at any Wing Ding I have ever been to! Fort Wayne is one of the most welcoming cities we have ever been to. Everywhere we went, folks were thanking us for coming and there were signs on all the businesses welcoming wingers. There were several folks from Virginia that won prizes that will be listed in next month's newsletter.

The biggest things that occurred during Wing Ding was the announcement of the new Director of GWRRA, Jere Goodman. Jere and Linda are great people and I know they will do an outstanding job as Directors. For those of you who do not know Jere & Linda, they hail from Stafford Va. They moved here from New Jersey about 3 years ago. They most recently served as International Deputy Directors and were the Region B Directors from 2003 – 2008.

Wing Ding was again the opportunity to see and visit with folks from all parts of the world. As Angie & I enter our 20th year in the Association, we often reflect on the events that have occurred over the years that keep us coming back, year after year. Most of those events revolve around people, meeting, having fun with, and just enjoying being with. That's what makes it all worthwhile.

Next year Wing Ding will be back in Greenville SC. Another chance to make some more memories……

In the meantime, we still have 3 more District Rallies in our Region coming up. Kentucky, North Carolina and then the last of the season, Virginia. We also have lots of Chapter activities and the All Chapters Picnic for more opportunities for more memories.

Ride safe and have FUN!

Mike

REGION N NEWS

Kyle T. & Mitzela Craig
Regional N Educators

Things Everyone Should Know About Motorcycles when "SHARING THE ROAD"

The facts are that car drivers and other motorists are at fault most of the time in multiple-vehicle crashes that involve a motorcyclist. An-other fact is even though a vehicle driver may see you, they will still pull out in front of you. The following are some things all should know and remember:

* A motorcycle may look farther away than it is and it may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed.

* When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

* Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light.

* If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the driver may never forgive himself/herself.

* Allow more following distance, say three or four seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warn-ing.

* As motorcyclists we often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road dirt, passing vehi-cles, and wind.

* Always remember and understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.

* Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Ensure a motorcycle is turning and his signal is for real.

* Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and many drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it (usually unintentionally).

* Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but drivers shouldn't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of their way.

* Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly very difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."

* Vehicle drivers always need to see the person under the helmet, who could be their friend, neighbor, or relative. When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle - see the person!

* A motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc) because of its smaller size.

* Drivers take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections. LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE!

* The most common type of collision occurs when a driver makes a left turn in an intersection or anywhere directly in front of a on-coming motorcyclist. Afterwards, almost always they usually say "I didn't see the bike".

Drivers have plenty of distractions, but many of these are within their power to control, like eating, talking on cell phones, fiddling with the radio, applying make-up, checking text messages, or worse yet, sending text messages while driving.

The following five key messages for drivers were taken from a MFS article about five years ago, but are still true today.

1. Look for Motorcyclists – Use your eyes and mirrors to see what's around, and check the blind spots when you're changing lanes or turning at intersections. Look, and look again.

2. Focus on Driving – Hang up the phone, put down the MP3 player, settle the passengers, and drive. And NO texting.

3. Use Your Turn Signals – Signal your intentions for everyone's safety.

4. Give Two-Wheelers Some Room – Don't tailgate or pass too closely.

5. Take Your Time – Nothing is as important as the safety of your loved ones, yourself, and the others with whom you share the road.

"One Team, One Unit!"

Kyle T. & Mitzela Craig

Regional N Educators

In GOD We Still Trust...Here in America!

The front line of safety begins with you, the motorcyclist and "Safety Is For Life!"

REMEMBER . . . Wear all the gear, all of the time!

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mike Stiger
Director of GWRRA

So What is a Wing Ding, Really?

From wikipedia.com: "Wingdings are described as a series of dingbat fonts which render letters as a variety of symbols." Nope, that's not it.

From cooks.com: "Wing Dings is a recipe for some tasty Chicken Wings." Nope, that's not it either (but I did give the recipe to the wife…).

Thefreedictionary.com describes Wing Ding as: "A noisy, lively party or festivity." Well, now we're getting warmer, especially with all of our horns a-blazin' during our annual Grand Parade!

Of course I'm actually referring to *our* Wing Ding, GWRRA's annual celebration. It's the pinnacle of everything Gold Wing, and there's none bigger nor better. This is it. It's an action-packed, four-day celebration of the world's largest family of Gold Wing and Gold Wing trike owners. And this year it takes on a special significance since it is also GWRRA's 35th Anniversary.

First, let me point out that Wing Ding 34 presented by Progressive is being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana which, without a doubt, is one of the finest communities to ever host our event. And the Fort Wayne Convention & Visitors Bureau is going to great lengths to ensure that your stay is safe and enjoyable. Plus, the community itself also loves to have us visit and spoils us to death. This is a great value for your hard-earned dollars!

Another great feature of Fort Wayne is its newly renovated Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center, our host site. It's a state-of-the-art facility with a huge arena, spacious expo floor space, dozens of adjacent conference rooms and a mammoth parking lot with room for not only all of our Wing Ding delegates but the manufacturer demo area, too. Having everything "under one roof", so to speak, makes this a favorite destination for our membership.

And if you're ready to try to win a beautiful 2012 Honda Gold Wing, yes, the bike is back! We're pleased to again partner with American Honda in the bike giveaway along with other cash and prizes—totaling more than $50,000—from our wonderful sponsors. There's going to be a lot of happy Members going home with all this loot! This non-stop celebration will feature dozens of great events during the entire week. We'll start things off Tuesday evening with our "Horses and Horsepower" Welcome Party in the Amish Town of Grabill, Indiana. It'll feature a free meal, buggy rides, homemade ice cream and much more, hosted by Visit Fort Wayne and the Community of Grabill!

Wednesday evening, we'll hold the GWRRA 35th Birthday Rooftop Party, an exclusive party for Wing Ding attendees atop the Purdue Fort Wayne University parking complex. It'll incorporate our Light Parade, birthday cake, music, dancing, food vendors and more…and will be topped off with a perfect view of Fort Wayne's outstanding Fourth of July fireworks display.

On Thursday night, John Lazzeroni and his great team at J&M will sponsor a free live performance by Vocal Trash on-site at the Coliseum. The group fuses world-class singing, industrial-style drumming, award-winning break-dancing and comedy antics into a unique and uplifting experience. This group is nuts and is sure to get you moving!

On Friday night, our Grand Parade will weave like a giant serpent through downtown Fort Wayne to end at the beautiful Parkview Field baseball stadium. Once there, we'll attend a minor league baseball game featuring the local favorite, Fort Wayne TinCaps, who will take on the Bowling Green Hot Rods. As part of GWRRA, we'll even have our own section to cheer on Fort Wayne's finest, so be sure to buy your tickets when you register.

Saturday will also be an action-packed day, featuring something new hosted by our Rider Education Team—a Crash Scene Re-enactment conducted right in the Coliseum parking lot! This will be a real-life scenario where "a team of motorcyclists come upon a crash scene involving motorcycles and other vehicles". You'll watch with anticipation as these trained motorcyclists jump into action to secure the scene and report the accident to local emergency agencies. Sirens will blaze and emergency personnel will arrive on-scene as the intensity increases and the saga unfolds before your eyes. You'll receive some good information, be proud to be a GWRRA Member and be thankful you're provided with a world-class Rider Education Program.

We'd like to take a moment here to thank Roger and Penny Hurley, Region D Directors, Lee and Kay Tieche, Indiana District Directors, Bob and Deb Caldwell, Indiana Assistant District Directors, Indiana Chapters C2, D2 and G—and all the great folks in Region D and on the Local Organizing Committee! Your on-site assistance in helping us to organize this event is very much appreciated.

So come and join your GW family as we celebrate 35 years of the finest motorcycle Association in the world. We are the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and PROUD of it! It'll be a great value, and it'll be a great time!

Director of GWRRA,
Mike Stiger

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Press Release: New GWRRA Director

JERE GOODMAN NAMED NEW DIRECTOR OF GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Phoenix, AZ (July 4, 2012) - Jere Goodman has been named Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, effective July 4, 2012. The announcement was made by President Abel Gallardo during Opening Ceremonies at Wing Ding 34 in Fort Wayne, IN. GWRRA is a Phoenix based motorcycle association.

Jere states, "In my new role as Director of GWRRA, I look forward to serving you, the Members, and continuing to foster the pride of being part of our great organization. It has been an incredible journey...so many friends, events, and fun times!"

Jere is married to Linda Goodman and they currently reside in Stafford, Virginia. They have one son, a daughter-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren, ages 7 and 10.

Jere and Linda have always enjoyed serving the Members and have previously served as Assistant Chapter Directors, NJ Chapter Directors, Assistant District Directors, NJ District Directors, Assistant Region Directors, Northeast Region B Directors, and most recently as International Deputy Directors.

During the past three years, Jere has also served as a Member of the Event Management Team at Wing Ding, where his primary responsibilities have been the Grand Parade and Light Parade-all the while being exposed to the "behind the scenes" aspect of running a Wing Ding!

Jere retired this past June from Canon U.S.A., Inc. where he served over 25 years as an Account Executive. Linda is a Supervisory Instructor at a training academy for the Department of Justice, where she has worked for 35 years.

We know that everyone will want to extend a hand of friendship, as well as a hearty welcome, to Jere as Director of GWRRA. We wish Jere and his wife Linda the very best in their new adventure.

GWRRA, with its motto **"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,"** is a not-for-profit organization with over 72,000 Members in 53 countries and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education and social structure, along with organizing events, conventions, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRRA's Web site: **www.gwrra.org** or call **(800) 843-9460** or **(623) 581-2500** (in Phoenix) for more information.

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CHAPTER GATHERING

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4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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(757) 502-8220
www.popsdinerco.com

Please come and join us!

OTHER LOCAL CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter B—Virginia Beach

2nd Wednesday each month, 7pm

Buffet City
3877 Holland Rd., #416
Virginia Beach, VA
(Holland Windsor Shopping Ctr)

Chapter C—Hampton/ Newport News

2nd Sunday each month, 7pm

Angelo's Steak & Pancake House
755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd
Newport News, VA

Chapter O—Williamsburg

4th Sunday each month, 5pm

Belgian Waffle & Steakhouse
14700 Warwick Blvd
Newport News, VA

ODD ROAD SIGNS ...

Spelling and grammar errors have been purposely added to this newsletter for those who enjoy finding and pointing them out.